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FOR MANDATORY SEA LANES IN MARINE APPROACHES
TO U.S. PORTS."

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1. EMBASSY HAS CONTACTED UK DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, MARINE DIVISION OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH DOVER STRAIT TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME (TSS) AND HAS DISCUSSED PROPOSED STUDY WITH THEM AND WITH US COAST GUARD OFFICIALS ATTACHED TO US COAST GUARD ACTIVITIES, EUROPE, HOUSED IN EMBASSY. IT IS HOPED THAT THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS WILL BE OF ASSISTANCE TO GAO OFFICIALS. THE EMBASSY IS PREPARED TO ASSIST BY ARRANGING MEETINGS AND VISITS AS APPROPRIATE BUT WOULD STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT THE VISIT BE RESCHEDULED. PREFERABLY DURING THE PERIOD 5-15 JULY. THE JUNE PERIOD COINCIDES WITH THE QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS AND WITH THE FINAL STAGE OF THE RENEGOTIATION OF THE US-UK CIVIL AVIATION BILATERAL. WHICH HAS ALREADY PUT A HEAVY BURDEN ON THE OFFICE IN THE EMBASSY WHICH WOULD ASSIST THE GAO OFFICIALS.

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2. THE TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME (TSS) FOR THE DOVER STRAIT, A JOINT OPERATION OF THE BRITISH AND FRENCH, IS NOT A CONTROL SCHEME BUT A SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM. IT COULD CERTAINLY BE OF INTEREST TO THE GAO, BUT MORE DIRECTLY PERTINENT MIGHT BE THE PORT ENTRY CONTROL SYSTEMS OF THE MAJOR BRITISH AND FRENCH PORTS SUCH AS PORT OF LONDON - GRAVESEND, SOUTHAMPTON,

LIVERPOOL. AND LE HAVRE, WHICH HAS PERHAPS THE MOST MODERN EQUIPMENT. A USEFUL STARTING POINT FOR SUCH A STUDY AS IS PROPOSED WOULD BE THE IMCO PUBLICATION "SHIPS' ROUTEING" THIRD EDITION, 1973 AND THE 1975 SUPPLEMENT. EMBASSY CAN PURCHASE AND FORWARD THESE FOR A TOTAL OF SIX OOUNDS STERLING.

3. THE US COAST GUARD HERE IN LONDON COULD ALSO BE HELPFUL, BOTH WITH REGARD TO THE BRITISH AND FRENCH AS WELL AS THE US PORTS. THE US COAST GUARD RUNS VESSEL TRAFFIC SYSTEMS INTO PUGET SOUND. SAN FRANCISCO, AND GALVESTON AND IS INSTALLING SYSTEMS IN VALDEZ' ALASKA, NEW ORLEANS AND NEW YORK. THE SYSTEMS ARE PRESENTLY ADVISORY, BUT THEY ARE THE FIRST STEO TO A MANDATORY SYSTEM FOR WHICH LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY EXISTS.

4. UK DEPARTMENT OF TRADE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THEIR SYSTEMS AND ARRANGE VISITS TO PORT CONTROL CENTERS AND ST. MARGARET'S CHANNEL SURVEILLANCE STATION. IF GAO TEAM WISHES TO VISIT FRENCH PORT CONTROL CENTERS SUCH AS LE HAVRE OR CHANNEL SURVEILLANCE CENTER AT GRIS NEZ NEAR BOULOGNE, APPROPRIATE FRENCH OFFICIAL TO HAVE CONTACTED IS J. MARC, CHIEF OF MARINE NAVIGATION, SECRETARIAT GENERALE DE MARINE MARCHARD.

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